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1895, and 1896, on which the Consul-  
General comments as follows:—"From this  
table it appears that if percentages are  
"looked at, countries other than Great Brit-  
"tain have increased their trade more rapidly  
"than we have; their rate of increase being  
"at the rate of about 68 per cent., whereas  
"ours has only been at the rate of 23 per  
"cent. It is to be noted, however, that our  
"import trade is three times as great as that  
"of all other countries put together; that  
"in 1892 it was 76 per cent. of the whole,  
"in 1894 it was 76 per cent., in 1895 it was  
"79 per cent., and in 1896 it was 75 per  
"cent., not a very material falling off."  
In fact there has been no falling off at  
all. The fallacy of taking percentages  
of increase, as a basis of comparison, has  
often been pointed out, as it always gives a  
fictitious advantage to the smaller figures.

The total foreign imports into the port  
of Shanghai in 1892 amounted to a value  
of £1,154,993,000, and in 1896 to £1,154,  
105,000,000, showing an increase of £1,154,  
105,000,000. Of this increase Great Britain and  
her possessions claim £1,154,993,000, or 71 1/2  
per cent., and other countries £1,154,993,000,  
or 28 1/2 per cent. This is a fairer as well as  
more satisfactory way of stating the position.  
The above calculations, however, it should  
be noted, are to some extent vitiated by the  
fact that the origin of the goods imported  
from Hongkong is unknown, and the whole  
amount is put down as British, whereas in  
fact a large proportion of it is foreign.

The "Austrian Lloyd" steamer "Mediterranean," left  
Singapore for this port yesterday morning.

Mr. Howard Newton, who was for many  
years Assistant Municipal Engineer at Singa-  
pore, and who last year was appointed Execu-  
tive Engineer of Waterworks to the Bombay  
Municipality, died at Bombay on the 27th July  
of cholera.

We are indebted to Senor Jose do Navarro  
for a copy of the following telegram from the  
Ministry of Agriculture, Madrid, 10th July.  
The depression announced has created the Philippine  
Islands by the S. of Luzon, with direction to the  
W.N.W. and it seems now to the S.S.W. of  
Manila, near parallel 13.

An official telegram, dated Lyons, 16th July,  
has been received in Japan to the effect that  
the crop of silk cocoons in France this year is  
15 to 20 per cent. less than that of last year.

The crop in Italy is estimated to be about 10  
per cent. less. The raw silk market is quiet,  
but quotations are firm.

China Japanese yen were yesterday at a  
premium of six pence. On and after the 1st  
October next these coins will be exchangeable  
in Japan for the gold coins of the new currency,  
and in view of the decline in silver they are  
being eagerly bought up. The conversion will  
be complete in a few months, and the Japanese  
silver will recover during the next two  
months, of which unfortunately there appears  
but little prospect.

immense population of China, and the  
help thinking that competition in the labor  
market will bring down wages, but without  
being organized into trade unions, the Chi-  
nese laborers have a means of their own of  
keeping up wages, and once a rate is  
established it is very difficult to lower it.  
With the decline in the value of  
silver, which is at last making itself  
felt even in China, the tendency of wages  
should think will be upward rather  
than downward. Moreover, industrial  
development will in China as elsewhere  
lead to a higher standard of living, which  
in turn means a higher rate of wages.

As to China's competition with other coun-  
tries, Sir Nicholas HANSEN says that "one  
circumstance consoling to British trade is  
that she will only be affected in the same  
"way as every other country, and that as her  
"trade with China is larger than that of  
"any other nation China's prosperity is  
"likely to be of more advantage to her  
"than to any other country." In the  
meantime it is rather refreshing in these  
days of jingoism on the decline of  
British trade, to find that the Consul-  
General at Shanghai does not deem it neces-  
sary to adopt a pessimistic tone. A table is  
given showing the imports into Shanghai,  
and their origin, for the years 1882, 1894,  
1895, and 1896, on which the Consul-  
General comments as follows:—"From this  
table it appears that







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8. Goplatank, July 27.  
 94. Warwick, July 29.  
 93. Francon, July 28.  
 94. Gilly, July 12.  
 283. Barcham, July  
 Somerville, July 25.  
 93. Young, July 28.  
 Co.

02, Maher, July —  
045, Swain, July 27,  
088, Harris, July 21  
09, Hanson, July 29,  
15, Pollock, July 28,  
14, ———, May 22

Maubenge, July 16,  
1893, Ottor, July 27,  
1893, Jones, July --,  
1890, Watt, July 24,  
1861, Mullin, July 14,  
1854, Barner, June 2,

823, Hanson, July  
 824, Jamieson, July 24.  
 825, Wilson, July 12,  
 826, Swenson, July  
 827, Co  
 828, p. 2, 190, McRitchie,  
 829, Co  
 830, 1, 505, Sawyer, July 24.  
 831, Co

80. Klopfer, July 29,  
100. Pearce, July 17,  
321. Dowell, July 12,  
060. Vallack, July 29,  
99. Anderson, Dec. 15.  
1507. Sellar. July 18.  
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 July, 1897.  
 sch. Halsted, July 21.  
 016, Kemp, Aug. 29.  
 ship, Sun. June 23.  
 r. 837, Smith, May 1.  
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 July, 1897.

927, Rowell, July 26,  
 1476, Toyoshima,  
 453, Wallace, July 20,  
 1359, Hurlbert,  
 923, Scott, July 2,  
 Toyoshima Mar-

188, Shoemaker, July 5.  
1862, Swanson, July 26.  
1856, Hirayama, June 22.  
1881, 844, Kori, July 24.  
1893, Shibuya, July 25.  
1881, Omatsu, Aug. 24.

1,273, Sakai, July 25,  
ha  
998, Wright, July 25,  
6156, Thompson, July  
age str., 925, July 22,  
ha  
2,512, Sommer, July 23,  
ha  
870, Bormann, July 24,

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steamer, 856, July 26,  
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ess Rev. 993, July 23,  
ha  
533, Young, July 23,  
ha  
1507, Poole, July 17,  
ha  
1108, Carrer, June 19,

m. bk. 2, 64. Schults,  
 1 Co.  
 1823, Adams, July 5.  
 m. bk. 2, 211. Candelin,  
 1 Co.  
 638, Esquival, July 25.  
 1, 107, Schults, July 25.  
 m. bk. 2, 211. Standard  
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1891. Kato, June 25.  
1894. Andersen, July 25.  
LAFFETTE'S SHIPS  
SQUADRON  
12 guns, 2,000 h.p.,  
at Hakodate  
— h.p., Com. Ewer F.

3,500 h.p., Comm. C.  
 kodate  
 13,000 h.p., Capt.  
 kodate  
 2,000 h.p., Comm. H. H.  
 kodate  
 2,400 h.p., Lieut. Com.  
 kodate  
 36 guns, 360 h.p. in  
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 36 guns, 7,350 h.p.,  
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ship, at Hakodate  
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 cruiser, 24 guns, 8,500  
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 ship, 2,100 h.p., Com. R. C.  
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12000 Lp., Capt. R. P. a  
 12000 Lp., Capt. A. O.  
 12000 Lp., Capt. A. O.

1200 h.p. Lieut. Rm.  
Yaghamas  
1200 h.p. Lieut.  
at Hakodate  
1200 h.p. in Reserve.  
12 Reserve at Hong-  
kong, 240 h.p. at  
Yokohama, 2400 h.p.  
at Hongkong.

Ship, 30 guns. Com.  
Hongkong  
Ship, armoured, 10 guns.  
Hongkong